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I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

GOOD ADVICE.
REGARDING the investigation of the coal industry which will be made by the Senate Interstate Commerce committee under the Frelinghuysen resolution The Coal Trade Journal in its issue of this week takes the position that the industry has nothing to fear if the investigation is honestly and painstakingly made, and it appeals to the operators of the country to be prepared to make an exhaustive presentation of its history, its profits and its losses. It would be hard to improve upon that advice. For most of the troubles it has had with the public the coal industry can thank a misguided policy of silence. These troubles will recur with increasing force if by any accident it now neglects to embrace the opportunity which the Frelinghuysen investigation will afford to be entirely frank with the country.

JOHN DARST'S POSITION.
IN another column this evening The West Virginian prints a Charleston dispatch announcing that State Auditor John S. Darst admits he is thinking of becoming an aspirant for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. No one will be surprised at this. As a matter of fact it has been assumed for some time that Mr. Darst would be a candidate. But there is a surprise in the stand he takes, and every Republican who is at all interested in the prospects of the party in next year's elections; indeed, good citizens of all parties should make it a point to read what Mr. Darst has to say as set forth in our report from Charleston. Mr. Darst may not be the choice of the Republican voters at the primaries next year, but the straightforward way in which he has announced himself upon the issues of the day—and there never was a time when that hackneyed expression of writers of politics, "burning issues," was more justified—will put the primary campaign, not only in the Republican party, but in all the parties, upon a footing which will require those who hope to be important factors to be both frank and courageous. Auditor Darst, it may almost be said, has fixed the issue of the primary campaign and to a very large extent of the campaign which will precede the regular election next fall. There will be other issues than those mentioned by Mr. Darst in the primary campaign, and it is probably true if the field is at all large the nomination will turn on these minor issues, but upon the matter which will be uppermost in the minds of all voters candidates will either have to be on the same side as Darst is on or on the other side. Thanks to his outspoken course, there can be no trimming. In taking such a stand thus early and burning his bridges behind him Auditor Darst has made it possible for candidates who want to adhere to the realities of life and of political conditions to do so without running the danger of being successfully maligned by that class of politicians who rely mainly upon misrepresentation. A candidate who is opposed to the vagaries which imitators of bolshevism are seeking to inject into our politics is not necessarily against wage earners, nor opposed to the principles which union labor stands committed to. That can be made plain if the candidates have the time to show just where they do stand and the voters have opportunity to digest and weigh what the candidates say. Thanks to the position which Mr. Darst has taken a campaign of reason is practically unavoidable in this state even if the slippery element among the politicians of the state hoped to have it otherwise. It is not necessary for The West Virginian at this late day to explain that it is not going to attempt to tell the Republican voters who they should nominate next year. From the beginning we have consistently taken the position that the purpose of the state wide primary act is to throw this responsibility upon the shoulders of the voters themselves and that we shall willingly support any ticket placed in nomination in that way. We are, therefore, not going to support any particular candidate for the nomination, but that is not going to prevent us from saying that we think that John Darst has done his party, and his state, a very good service in taking in such positive fashion the high ground that he has. It ought to set every one in the state to thinking. For a time it looked as if the lid was going to fly off in this country, and that we were in for a season of bad weather, economically speaking. The danger is not yet passed, although there is reason to believe a reaction has set in. The trend which Mr. Darst's position will give to the primary campaigns ought to help a lot in this sobering process.

RUFF STUFF

Frequently this is the case for things that the public could very well get along without. But the American public is never thoroughly happy unless some one is making a boob of it. Mayor Bowen is being besieged about that carload of peaches. Looks now as if the modern city will have to include among its officers a merchandise manager. Guy who will know all about selling pork and beans and potatoes. He also will have to be a good traffic man. For it does look, if the papers from other cities may be relied upon, that cars of food intended for cities go astray oftener and further than any other kind of freight. WE WILL PAY good prices for Ginseng, and we want all you can get. Write or phone us. MARTIN'S DRUG STORE. IT IS THE END OF TROUBLE When the right pair of glasses are worn for the good of ailing eyes. Nothing else will give relief, because, nothing else will bring light to a focus where it should be. Light, improperly focused is what is wrong with most ailing eyes. Bring your eye troubles to us. A. B. Scott, Optometrist and Optician, corner Jefferson and Main Sts. Phone 542-R—Adv.

TRUTHS AND TRAVESTIES
By th' Bard.
Tenshun!
The actors all belonged to the union. It was the middle of the third act. The play was one of those popular pajama farces. The husband had just discovered his wife in a compromising situation. The audience was sitting on the edge of their chairs. Every breath was bated. "Wheehee-ee-ee!" went a whistle back stage. The actors all stopped in the middle of their lines and looked expectantly toward the wings. There was a slight bustle (this had nothing to do with the costumes, which were all modern) there was a slight bustle and the second shift came on and in a few minutes the play was going on as before but with an entirely new cast. The wives all belonged to a union. John Henry came rushing home from work with only a few minutes in which to grab a bite to eat, change clothes and get back to an important meeting. The house looked deserted, he thought, as he came up the front steps. "Oh, Mary!" he called as he stepped in the hall. "Yes, dear?" she answered. "Mary, I'm in an awful hurry. Want a bite to eat and while I'm eating would you lay out my best suit, the green shirt, a pair of socks, a tie, my cleanest collar and a handkerchief?" "I'm sorry dear. I'm on strike. Mr. Jones insisted on bringing company home against the union rules which demand six hours' notice and Mrs. Jones has struck. We are all out on a sympathy strike." "D— O— ***** *\$%?????" Parade Rest! Little Mary was a saint— Didn't powder or use paint. Now she's curious to know Why she never has a beau. Present Arms! The Girl in the Office says she was talking with Herb Morris the other evening and he said he had been repudiated by his best girl and she thought it was wonderful how a woman can reform a man like that. Ground Arms! All Hands On Deck! A dispatch from Uniontown yesterday told that a cloudburst there had flooded more than a thousand cellars in that city. And then this was the next sentence. "Three thousand kegs of beer were floated away and now are voyaging down the Monongahela." A dispatch late last night from Pittsburgh said that police had been called to control the mobs that were hanging over the railing of the bridges across the Monongahela at that point. It was said that every other man in Pittsburgh was to be found somewhere about the river with an improvised salvaging device. Return to Quarters! Mary tried to catch a man By using this ingenious plan. She used a wad of chewing gum. And had no trouble snaring one. Squads Right! The Society For The Making of Virtue Compulsory was in executive session. Plans for the conduct of humanity for the year 1921 were being discussed. It was a bitter fight between the radicals who demanded that men be allowed to eat ice cream three times a year and the conservatives who insisted that a person should be permitted four portions in a twelve-month. At last a compromise was effected and it was decreed that a man might eat three portions of ice cream and five toasted marshmallows during a year. The movies came in for spirited discussion, one of the delegates reciting a harrowing and revolting experience suffered when forced to view a movie where a scene had been laid in a forest with nothing to cover the bare limbs of the trees. It was decided that pictures of "Kittens At Play" and Views On Mount Ararat

ONE REASON FOR HIGH COST.
THE United States Department of Agriculture has given out farm food figures which make it clear that not a little of the increased cost of things we eat goes into the growers' purse. Food prices on the farms have doubled in less than ten years. In 1910 wheat growers got 95 cents a bushel; today they average \$2.20. Corn then brought 66 cents a bushel; now the average bushel brings \$1.76. Potatoes went from 40 cents the bushel to \$1.28. Sweet potatoes rose from 75 cents to \$1.59. Apples went for 94 cents in 1910, and nine years later sold for \$1.97 in the orchard. Then butter makers got 23 cents a pound; now the average price paid on the farm is 47 cents. Eggs soared from 18 cents to 36 cents a dozen; and chickens from 12 cents to 25 cents a pound. Nearly all farm products have doubled in value to the producer within the past nine years. That may be why there is less rural criticism of the high cost of food than one meets with in cities, where wages and salaries have not doubled since 1909.

There is genuine alarm at Rockwell Flying field, near San Diego, over the disappearance of Flying Lieutenants Waterhouse and Connelly, who disappeared after leaving Yuma, Arizona, Wednesday to fly to Rockwell field. Search is being made in Lower California for them. As the crow flies the shortest distance between Yuma and San Diego lies over a stretch of Mexican territory, and presumably the missing fliers took that route in spite of the fact that such a proceeding was a violation of the neutrality of Mexico. Army aviators ought to be instructed to stay on their own side of the line until formally ordered to cross it. If they do in the event taint anything happens to them they will be upon their own soil. One of the witnesses who testified in the hearing on the bills to put the packing industry under control said yesterday that he is in favor of the man who can produce the cheapest going ahead as far as he can. So are the rest of us. The trouble is that all too frequently the man who can produce the cheapest, for a variety of reasons, does not want to go very far. One of the great difficulties at Washington is that the town is too full of hot air. Too much attention is paid to people who spout theory and ignore fact. It is the business of congress in its struggle to stem the tide of rising prices to deal with conditions as they are found and not as they ought to be. Under the leadership of Senator Knox the opponents in the senate of the League of Nations are going to make a campaign in the western states in order to work up popular opposition to ratification of the peace treaty. That is a perfectly legitimate movement. There is not the slightest use in ratifying this treaty unless the ratification carrier with it the moral support of the mass of the American people. Whatever action is taken in the matter is going to have a profound effect upon the future of the country, and it is only fair that the senate should have the support of the people in whatever they do about it. The action of the house in putting clothing into the Lever bill is quite likely to put a crimp in the predictions of the tailors who have been prophesying that men's suits would go to \$100 this winter, and it may have some effect in bringing down the figures for women's ordinary clothes. But it is not at all likely to be felt one way or the other this fall, for the simple reason that retailers have already bought their stocks and if there has been any profiteering they as well as the public have been victimized.

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